



MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 23, 1908.

Mr. W. J. Bryan took time yesterday to answer this question by Cabell P. Bailey, a high school boy of Cincinnati: "What chance has the poor boy, and how can brains win in a contest with money?" Mr. Bryan said: "The poor boy has no chance unless he can arouse the people by using his tongue. The corporate powers are busy misleading the people and are responsible for shutting out the poor boy." Many will not agree with Mr. Bryan. While realizing the grasping nature of corporate powers, it can be said without fear of contradiction that brains are always in demand:

Honor and fame from no condition rise. Act well your part—there'll the honor lie. Mr. Bryan's conclusion to the effect that the youth must use his tongue to arouse the people is not sound advice. Genius, industry and a bridled tongue are powerful levers in this world, and those who use them will succeed whether they emerge from the high or humble walks of life. The man who banks entirely on talk will find sooner or later that his house has been built upon the sand.

**THE DEATH OF SENATOR W. J. BRYAN,** of Florida, will be regretted by many outside his native State. During the short time he had been in Washington he made friends of all he met. Last January the Senator was one of the guests of honor at the banquet given by R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans in this city, on which occasion he made a speech. He was introduced to the guests during the evening, and all were impressed with him. He was the youngest member of the United States Senate, being but 31 years old, and but 73 days of his term had passed when death overtook him. Before his election to the Senate Mr. Bryan had won a high reputation in his State as a vigorous prosecutor of grafters and evil-doers. An unusual mortality seems to have afflicted the higher house of Congress. Since March 4, 1907, seven members have died, among them being Senators Harris and Pettus, of Alabama, and Senator Whyte, of Maryland. The latter being the oldest and Mr. Bryan the youngest.

**THE REPUBLICANS OF SPEAKER CANNON'S** district in Illinois on Saturday sounded a keynote on the tariff question. The district convention was held at Danville, and the tariff resolution adopted is understood to have the sanction of Speaker Cannon. Instead of being a "stand-pat" resolution it declares, in substance, for a conservative revision, though it puts the whole question up to the national convention. Tariff revision is becoming necessary that the knowing republicans see that it must soon come and are trimming their sails accordingly.

**A REDUCTION OF WAGES** affecting the operatives in a number of cotton mills was announced at Providence, R. I., today. Still the republican leaders tell their deluded followers that the business of the country is satisfactory, and that all they must do is to continue to vote the republican ticket and not disturb the tariff!

**WILLIAM E. COREY,** the steel millionaire, who divorced his wife, who he thought could not grace the society to which money secured his entrance, and who then married an actress, has taken a lease for 50 years of Lord de Clifford's Dolgen Park Castle, in County Mayo, Ireland.

**POLITICS** is in such a condition now, with dissatisfaction here, there and everywhere, that it is believed if Mr. Bryan would make a swift trip around the globe, come back and say he is not in favor of government ownership that he would sweep the country with a hurrah.

**GOVERNOR CUMMINS**, of Iowa, says he believes if Secretary Taft cannot obtain a majority of the delegates the President will reconsider his determination and be a candidate. And the belief is shared by many.

**A REPUBLICAN** paper of Baltimore suggests that Gov. Crowsthers appoint ex-Gov. Warfield to the U. S. Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Whyte. It is wise never to follow the advice of ones enemies.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., March 23. The Supreme Court of the United States this afternoon decided the North Carolina railroad rate case against the State officials, thus sustaining the decision of Judge Fritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, who enjoined the state from putting into effect the reduced rates provided by the legislature.

Organized labor and the interstate railroads of the country are both favored in the administration bill which was introduced in the House today by Representative Hepburn to amend the Sherman anti-trust law. Labor unions are given the right to form certain pools and mergers and to acquire stock in subsidiary lines.

The greatest victory yet won by the railroads of the country since the federal government and the states began a crusade against them was gained today when the Supreme Court of the United States decided a number of state railroad rate law against the states. These included the freight rates of Minnesota and the North Carolina passenger rate case. In both these cases it was held that the federal courts having taken jurisdiction the state courts should not have interfered to determine on the same questions. It is believed that the passenger rate law of Virginia and Nebraska will be decided on the principles laid down by the court today, although such an announcement was not made by the court. Only one member of the court, Justice Holmes, dissented.

The prize of \$1,000 offered by United States Senator Jonathan Borne, of Oregon, for the best written argument why Roosevelt should be chosen President for a second term has been awarded to Judge Frank H. Norcross, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada. Senator Borne, who today announced the name of the winner, said that Judge Norcross' argument will be given wide publicity.

Senator Tillman will probably be unable to return to Washington during the remainder of the present session of Congress. A telegram from his home in South Carolina, received here today, says: "I am slowly improving, but it is impossible to even guess when I will be able to return to Washington." The Senator is suffering from nervous breakdown and partial paralysis.

A delegation of colored men from the South called on the President today to lay before him a protest against the manner in which the railroads are enforcing the "Jim Crow" law. They claim that they are not given the same accommodations as the whites although forced to pay the same fare.

Rear Admiral S. W. Very was retired from active duty with the navy today because of age.

Senator Elkins today authorized a positive denial of the report from Rome that there has already been a secret marriage between his daughter and the Duke D'Abuzzi, celebrated at the Italian Embassy in this city or elsewhere. He declined to say whether or not they were engaged.

Mr. Lilley, author of the charges of corruption of Congress by the Electric Boat Company, came forward today with more evidence. This is a series of letters which he says passed between C. E. Creedy, attorney for the Holland Boat Company, in 1896, and the law firm of Shelby, Butler and Marlin. Lilley's opinion is that one of the letters is valuable evidence that ex-Senator Butler was employed to do lobbying work.

Percy S. Wade, indicted on charges of violations of the gambling laws that he conducted a bucket shop with Jesse H. Hodges, was placed on trial this morning before Justice Barnard and a jury. This is the first prosecution of the kind in Washington. The prosecution will endeavor to show that the gambling laws of the District were violated by the defendant.

The Cabin John's Bridge Hotel and grounds will be turned into a resort for colored people.

### Sixtieth Congress.

#### SENATE.

The announcement of the death of Senator William J. Bryan, of Florida, was made today in the Senate by Senator Clay of Georgia, because of the absence of the deceased legislator's colleague, Mr. Talliferro, in attendance with the funeral party which left here at 9 o'clock this morning. The reading of the journal was dispensed with and it was but a few minutes after noon when Mr. Clay arose.

After paying a short but beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased Mr. Clay said: "This is not the proper time to eulogize his memory. At some future time and on an occasion appointed for that purpose, the senior Senator from Florida will join with other friends of Senator Bryan in paying to his memory that tribute of affection, confidence and esteem which I know is felt by all."

He then offered the customary resolutions upon the adoption of which the Senate at once adjourned. In the opening prayer, which was today delivered by Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, of All Souls church, on account of the temporary indisposition of Chaplain Hale, feeling reference was made to the death of Senator Bryan, and the blessings of the Almighty were beseeched for the bereaved family.

#### HOUSE.

Wm. P. Hepburn, chairman of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, introduced in the House today the long heralded administration bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust act. The measure states that it is not intended to interfere with the right of laborers to strike for any cause or to restrict employers in discharging any or all of their laborers or in combining with each other to obtain labor on satisfactory terms. Provision is made for immunity of corporations under certain conditions.

The President is given power to make, alter and revoke and from time to time, in his discretion, he shall make, alter, and revoke regulations prescribing what facts shall be set forth in the statements to be filed with the Commissioner of Corporations by corporations and associations for a profit and having capital stock applying for registration under this act, and what information thereafter shall be furnished by such corporations and associations so registered.

#### ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

Attacked by a negro, knocked down and dragged into an alley beside her residence Miss Elizabeth Lee Pezzer, of No. 308 Arch street, fronting on Gamble Hill Park, Richmond, escaped from her assailant Saturday night and fled to her home in a bruised and hysterical condition. The attempted assault occurred shortly after 8 o'clock, in plain sight of the park, and the screams of the young lady brought to her assistance several of the skaters on the walks and others passing through the place. The negro made off down the alley between Third and Fourth, from Arch to Byrd street. Andrew Jackson, colored, was arrested Saturday charged with assaulting Miss Pezzer.

The Chinese government through Minister Wu, in person has invited the United States to send its battleship fleet to the ports of China for a visit. The invitation will probably be accepted.

### News of the Day.

A dispatch from Havana says that Senator Alfredo Zayas has been nominated for Cuban presidency by one wing of the liberals.

Herbert Mongold, son of James Mongold, fell into a kettle of boiling soap at his home near Moorefield, W. Va., Saturday and was burned to death.

Mary Washington Robinson Boykin, a popular young matron of Baltimore, was granted an absolute divorce Friday from William M. Boykin, son of Dr. Boykin.

The High Federal Court of Venezuela gave a decision against the Manoa Company and the Orinoco Company, American concerns, annulling the Fitzgerald concessions.

Governor Broward, of Florida, is reported to intend appointing State Senator Thomas F. West, of Santa Rosa county, to succeed the late William James Bryan in the United States Senate.

The receivers of the Seaboard Air Line announce that beginning today they will pay the coupons of certain of the underlying bonds of the system due on January 1 last, with interest to March 23.

The House committee has authorized a favorable report on the Senate resolution authorizing the Attorney General to bring suit to recover 4,000,000 acres of land from the California and Oregon Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad today laid off 2,150 of its shop men at Altoona, Pa. The depression in business is given as the reason. Working hours for the remaining force have been increased from 35 to 55 hours a week.

George Griffin, a Baltimore and Ohio railroad brakeman, upon whom the late Dr. Isaac Ridgeway Trimble was operating when he was infected, left St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, yesterday on the way to recovery.

John D. Rockefeller will leave Augusta, Ga., today for Richmond, where he will remain a week or 10 days. From Richmond he will go to Hot Springs, for a month or six weeks, and from that place will proceed to New York.

Beginning at noon today the shops here of the Erie Railroad at Meadowdale, Pa., will close in all departments except the roundhouses until April when work will be resumed. About one thousand men are affected by the shutdown.

A dispatch from Tokio says that not one of the Japanese newspapers fails to express the keenest satisfaction today at the United States acceptance of Japan's invitation to the fleet to visit Japan. Even the most rapid anti-American publications join the chorus of rejoicing.

The democratic state convention of Rhode Island in a lively session Saturday afternoon decided not to indorse resolutions favoring the nomination of William J. Bryan for the presidency, but referred the resolutions to the delegates-at-large to act upon at their individual discretion.

Judge Whitford, of Denver, Col., has denied the motion for a new trial for Giuseppe Alio, convicted murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs, whom he shot down at the altar of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. The prisoner was sentenced to hang at Canyon City during the week beginning July 12.

Representative Humphries, of Mississippi, has introduced in the House a bill to increase the tax on beer, and on porter from \$1 to \$2 per barrel and on whisky and distilled spirits from \$1.10 to \$1.50 per gallon. The bill also contains a provision that a tax of 25 cents per pack be collected on all playing cards.

The wedding takes place in New York late this afternoon of Miss Julia Keane Fish, daughter of Hamilton Fish, and William Lawrence Breese, son of Mrs. Henry W. Higgins of England. The ceremony will be performed in St. James Church and a reception attended by members of the Four Hundred will follow at the Fish residence.

Forest Park University, an exclusive seminary for daughters of wealthy parents, near Forest Park, St. Louis, was burned Saturday while eight fire companies endeavored to extinguish the flames which began in the dormitory, a three-story building. The 300 girls students fled from the building and watched from the lawn their temporary home and all personal belongings go up in smoke. The cause was a defective flue.

Brigadier General Jacob Kline, U. S. A., retired, veteran of the civil and Spanish-American wars, died from an acute attack of kidney trouble at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, this morning. General Kline went to Baltimore some time ago from his home in Newport News, Va., to undergo treatment at the hospital. General Kline was 63 years old, and a native of Pennsylvania, but made his home in Newport News since his retirement.

Lying in a clump of bushes in a dense woods, fully a half mile from any habitation, the body of Charles Needham, a professional piano player, thirty-eight years old, was found in Roberts' woods, near Camp Springs, Md., by two small negro boys about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The condition of the body showed that the man had been dead for months, making recognition of the features impossible. The identity of the dead man was established through a slip of paper bearing the name of his former employer, Philip Snyder, of Washington, which was found in one of his trousers pocket.

President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, delivered an address before the Civic Forum, New York, last night. His topic was "The Growing South," and he traced the progress of education and the impressive self-reliance of the southern States to "transform the economic and social life, to master the weapons of an industrial civilization and to breathe the spirit of twentieth century Americanism without sacrificing their deep-seated political and social notions." In discussing the negro question, the speaker cited John Morley, who said the problem could not be solved, and admitted that Morley might be right, but insisted that it was a problem that practical men must face. It was an American question, he said, in a very concrete sense. He defended suffrage restriction, adding: "When all of its ragged edges and incidental injustices have been worn away the suffrage regulations of the south in the last decade will be seen to have been wise and philosophical."

An unknown ship is ashore six miles off Hatteras. Wrecking tugs have been sent to her assistance. Her crew have refused to leave.

### Virginia News.

T. A. Cloud, aged forty-five, committed suicide Friday afternoon at his home near Laurel Mill, Rappahannock county.

William B. Trice, charged with robbery of Chesapeake and Ohio cars, was found not guilty in Charlottesville on Saturday.

Mrs. Anne Adams Branch, widow of Thomas Branch, esq., died last night at her residence in Richmond, in the eighty-first year of her age.

Mrs. Martha E. Homes died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. N. B. Musselman, in Fredericksburg, Saturday, at an advanced age.

Fire gutted the second floor of the Naval Young Men's Christian Association in Norfolk last night entailing a loss of about \$3,000.

The house of Thomas Gant, near Leesburg, with all its contents, was on Saturday destroyed by fire, originating from a defective flue. Mrs. Gant and her infant child were injured, but not seriously.

While bending over a stove warming herself, Mrs. Belle Cleveland, widow of Scott Cleveland, fell dead Saturday at her home, at Welltown, near Winchester. Her death was due to heart disease. She was 75 years old.

The legislature will reconvene on Wednesday, at which time removal proceedings against J. W. G. Blackstone, of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, will be taken up. It remains to be seen whether the legislature will also take up any other matters. The impression is that this will not be done.

Out of a class of ninety-nine, the largest that has ever appeared before the Pharmaceutical Board in Virginia, fifty-six of the applicants stood examination successfully, an unusually good percentage. Twenty-nine of that number passed as registered pharmacists and twenty-seven as assistant pharmacists. No one from Alexandria passed the examination.

Mrs. Turner Ashby Pugh, widow of the late Ashby Pugh, of the hotel at Jordan White Sulphur Springs, was attacked Thursday afternoon by an unidentified negro while she was alone in the hotel with two babies. She struggled desperately with the intruder, and finally succeeded in escaping with her two children to the house of a neighbor. The alarm was given, but when aid came the negro had escaped.

Fire, which threatened the wholesale district bounded by Roanoke avenue, Commercial Place and Water street, Norfolk, started in the warehouse of the Four Company yesterday morning and spread to several other buildings. Heavy explosions of fireworks frightened the night operators in the Southern States Telephone exchange, next door, but they remained at their posts until the police ordered them out. The loss was \$200,000.

### DEATH OF SENATOR BRYAN.

Senator William James Bryan, of Florida, the youngest member of the United States Senate, died yesterday at Providence Hospital, Washington, of typhoid fever. He was thirty-one years of age on October 10 last.

Mr. Bryan succeeded to the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Stephen R. Mallory in December. He was appointed by the governor of Florida on December 26 last to fill the unexpired term of Senator Mallory ending on March 4, 1909.

Mr. Bryan took his seat on January 9. It was recalled yesterday that soon after his arrival Mr. Bryan declared it to be his desire to remain in the Senate as long as he lived.

Mr. Bryan attended a few sessions only of the Senate. He was taken ill February 17.

Senator Bryan is survived by his wife and a son, a boy four years of age. The body was sent to Jacksonville on a special train this morning at 9 o'clock. The funeral will be held Wednesday from St. John's Church, Jacksonville. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, in Jacksonville.

The Senate committee who escorted the remains to Florida was made up of Senators Talliferro, of Florida; Bacon, of Georgia; Stone, of Missouri; Daniel, of Virginia; Clark, of Wyoming; Scott, of West Virginia; Carter, of Montana and Clapp, of Minnesota.

Senator Bryan was a handsome man, tall, slender, and boyish in appearance. His forehead was high, and his head was covered by deep black hair, worn in true southern fashion, parted away over on the right, and combed down on the other side in long waves.

Mr. Bryan was born in Orange county, Fla., October 10, 1876. He was graduated from Washington and Lee University, Virginia, and in 1898 began the practice of law in Jacksonville, Fla. He was married to Miss Janet Allan, of Lexington, Va.

With two exceptions, Mr. Bryan was the youngest man who ever occupied a seat in the United States Senate. Under thirty years of age is not eligible for membership in that body. Senator Bryan was one of the speakers at the banquet given in this city by R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, on the night of January 20, and all who heard him speak were greatly impressed with him.

Within a week two members of the Senate—the oldest and the youngest in that body—have passed away. Senator William Pinkney Whyte, of Maryland, who gave their names, were rescued from a Pearl street resort by the police early today. The girls, who belong to respectable families, say they went to the house to see a woman they have known for some time, had been detained there without food for three days and were assured they would be slain if they cried for aid. A negro, who gives his name as Vincent Reed, and a white woman, whom the girls accuse of detaining them, have been arrested.

### Today's Telegraphic News.

**Drunken Man Kills His Mother.** Anderson, Ind., Mar. 23.—Fully recovered from the debauch which resulted in his murdering his mother by beating her to death with a clawhammer, Grover Blake has at last come to a realization of the crime.

Today he is confined in a dungeon in the county jail. Following his gruesome recital at Fort Wayne, where he was captured, the murderer made light of his crime. He was then still under the influence of liquor. Anderson saloonists are to reap the wrath of the community, which is worked up to a high pitch of excitement over the matricide. Mrs. Blake, who had pleaded with her boy in vain not to drink any more, had notified the saloons that they should not sell liquor to the boy again. They paid no attention to her warning and her death by her son's hand while intoxicated is the result. When Grover Blake was a model young man. At such times the neighbors say he was very attentive to his mother. But when drinking he almost invariably committed some crime from stealing and forgery to assault.

When he murdered his mother he was under indictment on the charge of forgery. The authorities do not believe that part of Blake's story in which he connects O. Reynolds with the crime. Blake said Reynolds stood guard outside the house and later he went in on bearing Mrs. Blake's cries while Grover was changing his clothes and struck the woman again with the hammer, telling afterward that the old woman screamed and he "gave her a blow which would hold her for a while."

Reynolds says Blake told him his mother had given him money willingly and that he did not know a murder had been committed. The police believe this story.

#### Marine Disaster.

Shanghai, Mar. 23.—Two hundred and fifty lives are reported lost in a collision in a fog early today off the Japanese coast near Hakodadi between the Matsuo Maru and the Hideoyoshi Maru, both Japanese steamships. The Matsuo Maru was sunk. Details of the catastrophe are lacking.

It is now known that the Matsuo Maru's crew included the captain, 43 sailors and most of the 244 passengers the vessel carried. Probably the total list of dead is about 275.

The Hideoyoshi rammed the Matsuo, a smaller ship of 800 tons, in the darkness and, though she stood by for hours and was aided after a short delay by another vessel summoned to the spot by the signals for aid, few rescues were made.

There was a frightful panic among the Matsuo's passengers, who fought with one another for life as the vessel settled under them. The crew behaved with great courage, but could do little either to check the panic or save the maddened people. The ship sank in a few moments after she was rammed.

#### Harmony in Illinois.

Chicago, Mar. 23.—The Bryan-Sullivan feud is buried. At the meeting of the Cook county marching club yesterday, Roger C. Sullivan was put in the field as an open candidate for reelection as a national committeeman from Illinois. C. incidentally a resolution endorsing William J. Bryan for the presidential nomination was passed. The two resolutions were so liked that they practically did Sullivan do all he can to advance the Bryan cause. Only one dissenting voice was heard against the Bryan resolution—that of T. P. Quinn, president of the Municipal Ownership League during Mayor Dunne's administration. The Bryan resolution went through unanimously. To add to the harmony Charles H. Harrison made a speech declaring Bryan was the only hope for the democracy in the coming election.

#### Irish Societies Protest.

Boston, Mar. 23.—A protest against the adoption of an arbitration treaty with Great Britain was forwarded to the State Department at Washington today on behalf of the United Irish Societies of Massachusetts. It is in part as follows: Resolved, That we, the officers of the United Irish Societies of Massachusetts, in meeting assembled, do hereby protest as American citizens against any treaty of arbitration between this country and the government of Great Britain until the people of our blood and race in Ireland receive the justice from the British government that rightfully belongs to them, the management and control of their own local affairs.

#### The Pope Objects.

Rome, Mar. 23.—The Pope is trying to persuade his sister, brother-in-law and their children to abandon their plan to retire from the inn-keeping business at Riese, the pontiff's native village. The family has kept the little hostelry for years. Now its members say they have made enough money to quit. Besides, they think it indecorous for the Pope's relatives to continue supplying food and wine to the peasantry. "It is never indecorous to work." Pius has written to them, "even if one does not have to do so and even if one's relative is the Pope." The family will stick to the decision to quit the business.

#### Girls Rescued.

Philadelphia, Mar. 23.—Partly famished and afraid they would be killed if they tried to escape, two 15-year-old girls, Ella Ward and Catherine Reed, say they gave their names, were rescued from a Pearl street resort by the police early today. The girls, who belong to respectable families, say they went to the house to see a woman they have known for some time, had been detained there without food for three days and were assured they would be slain if they cried for aid. A negro, who gives his name as Vincent Reed, and a white woman, whom the girls accuse of detaining them, have been arrested.

#### Permanently Enjoined.

Washington, Mar. 23.—Justice Clabaugh, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, today issued an order permanently enjoining the American Federation of Labor from publishing the name of the Bucks Store and Range Company, of St. Louis, in the "unfair list" of the Federation's monthly magazine. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Federation has already discontinued publication of the list, pending appeal from the temporary order made some time ago.

#### The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., Mar. 23.—Wheat 90 1/2

### Banker Arrested.

Paris, Mar. 23.—Banker Rochette, one of the best known financiers in France, was arrested to-day charged with swindles involving more than \$12,000,000. Rochette was the founder of the Franco-Spanish Bank, and is administrator of the Mining and Industrial Credit Bank and a prominent figure in the management of numerous mining companies and financial institutions in Paris and the suburbs. Few details of the swindles of which he is accused have yet been made public by the police. Henri Rochette began his career as a messenger boy for a restaurant. He is now but 32 years old. The capital at his disposal today is estimated at \$20,000,000. The officers say he was just about to escape from his home in an automobile when taken into custody. The authorities have closed the Franco-Spanish and Mining Credit institutions, dismissing four hundred employees. The news has caused a sharp fall on the Bourse.

### Hanging a Failure.

Washington, Mar. 23.—A terrible sight was witnessed at the District jail this morning when the warden attempted to carry out the mandate of the court that Joseph Paulucci, convicted of the murder of Elizabeth Dodge, be hanged until dead. Paulucci was placed on the scaffold at 10:06 a. m., and a quarter of a minute later the drop fell. He struggled until 10:35, when life was pronounced extinct.

The Italian ambassador makes special plea to President Roosevelt for a commutation of his countryman's sentence, but upon the advice of Attorney General Bonaparte, who failed to find any extenuating circumstances in Paulucci's favor, the President refused to interfere. Paulucci spent his last hours singing to himself and seemed to be little concerned over his approaching doom. Paulucci weighed only 80 pounds and was the lightest man ever hanged in the District of Columbia.

### Murder and Suicide.

Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 23.—Because her parents objected to her proposed marriage to Leo Wojenski, Miss Nettie Planchek, 17 years old, was poisoned by her sweetheart early today and died a few hours later. The man then ended his own life. After attending a theatrical performance the couple went to an ice cream parlor. Wojenski put strychnine in the girl's ice cream. When she became ill he called a physician and then took a dose of the poison himself. He confessed before he died.

### King Manuel's Wound.

Lisbon, Portugal, Mar. 23.—It is admitted here that yesterday's report in Madrid of the serious condition of the wound King Manuel received when his father, King Carlos, and brother, Luis, were assassinated is true. The physicians are quoted as saying, however, that they still think an amputation can be avoided. Manuel was struck in the right arm by a carbine ball during the fight in which cost the lives of his majesty the crown prince and three of the assassins.

### Reported Secret Wedding.

Rome, Mar. 23.—That the Duke of Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins were secretly married at the Italian embassy in Washington just before the former left the American capital to sail for home is rumored in court circles here. Verification of the report is wholly lacking, but some who know the duke well are inclined to accept it as true. The wedding is said to have been planned by Abruzzi himself as a means of preventing objections, even from the king, from carrying weight.

### Boycotting Japan.

Hong Kong, Mar. 23.—The anti-Japanese boycott which was started in the most important Chinese cities in retaliation for the pressure the Mikado brought to compel the Tatsu Maru's surrender is growing. The police have been destroying placards posted in many towns notifying the public of the declaration of the boycott, but they are replaced almost as rapidly as they can be taken down. Tens of thousands of Chinese are already enlisted in the campaign.

### Rear-end Collision.

Chicago, Mar. 23.—More than 25 persons were injured, some of them seriously, in a rear-end collision between a Northwestern elevated train and a train on the Chicago and Oak Park elevated at State and Van Buren streets early today. The colliding trains were partially telescoped and both badly crushed. Men and women with bleeding hands and faces were hurried to hospitals, several being rendered unconscious by the shock.

### Earthquake Shocks.

Imperial, Cal., Mar. 23.—Little or no damage is reported as a result of the three earthquake shocks distinctly felt throughout the Imperial valley yesterday. At El Centro and Brawley houses were shaken and windows and dishes broken in a few instances. There are still some remote districts to be heard from but it is not believed the shocks caused any serious damage.

### Bank Reopened.

New York, Mar. 23.—After the disposal of the various court proceedings by which Attorney General Jackson sought to tie up its assets, the Oriental Bank today reopened its doors for the purpose of paying off depositors—dollar for dollar—under the agreement reached between the bank and the Metropolitan Trust Company. Up till noon, however, no cash has been handed out.

### American Sugar Company.

New York, Mar. 23.—The first report the American Sugar Refining Company ever made has been distributed among the stockholders. The sugar company's profit and loss account for 1907 shows net earnings of \$8,749,291, dividends of 7 per cent, amounting to \$8,299,930 on the total capitalization, and a surplus for the year of \$2,449,361.

### Newspaper Office Dynamited.

Rock Island, Ill., Mar. 23.—Unknown parties early today dynamited the plant of the Daily News, completely wrecking the \$10,000 press, together with the entire building. No one was injured.

### New York Stock Market.

New York, Mar. 23.—Price movements all through the first hour were mixed, some issues being bought heavily at advancing prices, while others were under pressure from the start and were heavy all through the hour's trading. Railroads, after showing some strength, weakened.

There was improved tone to the market trading after the first hour with supporting orders in many stocks that caused moderate advances and lifted prices of the majority of stocks traded in to a level slightly above Saturday's closing range.

### RESIGNATION OF MR. LITTLEFIELD.

Representative Charles E. Littlefield, of the Second Maine district, yesterday forwarded his resignation to Speaker Cannon. A letter of similar purport has gone to Gov. Cobb, at Augusta. The resignation is to take effect September 30, upon after the State election in Maine, at which his successor for the remainder of this Congress, as well as for the next Congress, will be chosen. Mr. Littlefield said last night that he was forced to take the step for family reasons; that it was high time for him to return to the practice of law. Others say the resignation was partly caused by a knowledge that the American Federation of Labor has been preparing to make another fight on him. Mr. Littlefield says: "I have been a member of the House of Representatives for nearly nine years. In order to properly discharge my congressional duties I have been obliged to practically abandon my law practice. The result has been what is to me a large financial loss."

Mr. Littlefield's friends say that the only reason that he was a candidate at the last election was that he did not care to